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Japanese Patent Examined Publication No. 7-9259 is disclosed on page 1 in the specification for the above-identified application.

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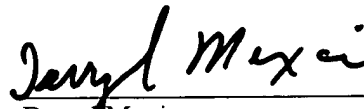
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